

MINIATURE HORSES OF THE GRAND CANYON:
POSTCARDS FOR A FOLKLORIC ANIMAL
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Last year I had opportunity to look through a box of photos and mementos that my late grandmother had preserved, and ran across an RPPC (real photo postcard) that she had apparently purchased on a trip out west in 1943. What intrigued me was that it showed “Little Wild Horses” from the Grand Canyon, which were apparently being shown in California at the time. I’ve previously noted the “Little Wild Horses” folklore in issues #9 and #11 of the *North American BioForteian Review*. (See StrangeArk.com/nabr.html). This postcard was a souvenir from this traveling animal show, and my grandmother even made notes on the show’s story on the back of the card. She wrote: “They had these horses here in town yesterday. They were found deep down in the Grand Canyon only a short time ago (few yrs. I believe). An old Indian reported they were there twenty years ago but no one ever got down at that time. They attribute their size to breeding and starvation. Had to be drawn out of the Canyon with ropes. Captured these three. Two jumped over cliffs.” It’s safe to say that these particular horses aren’t Grand Canyon horses, but probably miniature horses which played their part for the tourist trade. Several different RPPCs are available, and I located a few on Ebay that are included here.

San Luis Obispo, Calif.



Wild horses from Grand Canyon

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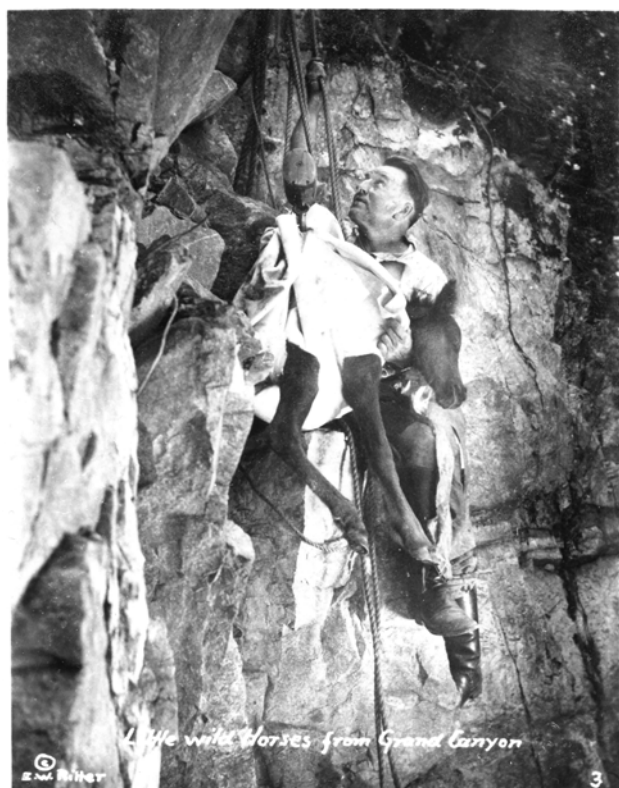


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